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ROSA L. DELAURO

3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Friends Center for Children Flint Street Family Campus in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Friends Center for Children, located at 227 East Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515.

The \$4 million Friends Center for Children is requesting in funding would address a critical family, child, economic, and workforce issue. New Haven has a long-standing and urgent need for accessible high-quality early childhood care and education, especially for infants and toddlers. Friends Center for Children's planned 2nd phase of construction and renovation of the former Cine 4 Theater location in New Haven will help to fill this gap. The Flint Family Campus Phase 2 Project, when complete, will host a total of 80 Infant/Toddler spots in 10 infant and toddler classrooms, a lending library, eight executive offices, a gross motor space, playgrounds, and green spaces. By adding these classrooms and executive offices, Friends Center will be able to serve a total of 264 children and their families, and 99 educators, across four New Haven neighborhoods.

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The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress